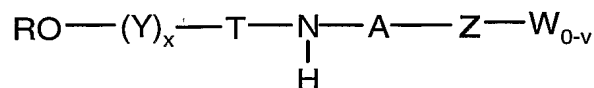


CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising a particulate solid, an organic medium and/or
 5 water and
 a compound of formula 1 including salts thereof

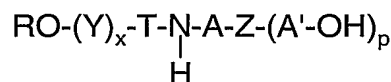


Formula 1

wherein

- 10 R is C₁₋₅₀-optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;
 Y is C₂₋₄-alkyleneoxy;
 T is C₂₋₄-alkylene;
 A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof, wherein A is not the
 residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride characterized as having an aliphatic
 15 carbon to carbon double bond;
 Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;
 W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;
 x is from 2 to 60; and
 v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in
 20 Z
 which does not carry the group RO-(Y)_x-T-NH-A-.

2. The composition as claimed in claim 1 comprising a particulate solid, an
 organic
 25 medium and a compound of Formula (1a) and salts thereof:



Formula (1a)

wherein:

A and A^I are independently, the residue of a dibasic acid which may be the same

or different; and

5 p is from 0 to 200.

3. The composition as claimed claim 1 wherein Y is C₃₋₄-alkyleneoxy and the chain represented by (Y)_x may contain up to 75% by number of ethyleneoxy repeat units.

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4. The composition as claimed in claim 2 wherein A and A^I are the residues independently derived from the group consisting of malonic acid, succinic and phthalic acid.

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5. The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the group represented by Z is polyethyleneimine.

6. The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic medium is an organic liquid.

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7. The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic medium is a plastics material.

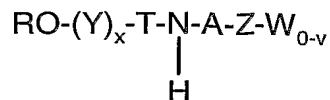
8. The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic liquid comprises at least 0.1% by weight of a polar organic liquid based on the total organic liquid.

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9. The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particulate solid is a pigment.

10. A mill-base comprising a particulate solid, an organic liquid and a compound of Formula (1) including salts thereof:

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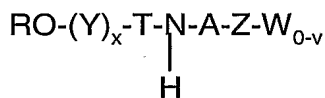
Formula (1)

wherein:

- 5 R is C₁₋₅₀-optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;
 Y is C₂₋₄-alkyleneoxy;
 T is C₂₋₄-alkylene;
 A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;
 Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;
 W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;
 10 x is from 2 to 60; and
 v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in
 Z

which does not carry the group RO-(Y)_x-T-NH-A-.

- 15 11. A paint or ink comprising a particulate solid, an organic liquid, a binder and
 a compound of Formula (1) including salts thereof:



Formula (1)

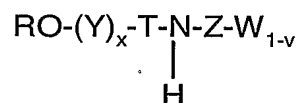
wherein:

- 20 R is C₁₋₅₀-optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;
 Y is C₂₋₄-alkyleneoxy;
 T is C₂₋₄-alkylene;
 A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;
 Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;
 25 W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;
 x is from 2 to 60; and

v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in
Z

which does not carry the group RO-(Y)_x-T-NH-A-.

- 5 12. A compound of formula 1, including salts thereof:



Formula 1

10 wherein

R is C₁₋₅₀-optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

Y is C₂₋₄-alkyleneoxy;

T is C₂₋₄-alkylene;

15 A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof, wherein A is not the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride characterized as having an aliphatic carbon to carbon double bond;

Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;

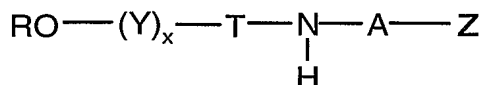
W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

x is from 2 to 60; and

20 v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in
Z

which does not carry the group RO-(Y)_x-T-NH-A-.

13. A compound of Formula (1) including salts thereof:



Formula 1

wherein:

R is C₁₋₅₀- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

Y is C₂₋₄-alkyleneoxy;

T is C₂₋₄-alkylene;

5 A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof, wherein A is not the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride characterized as having an aliphatic carbon to carbon double bond;

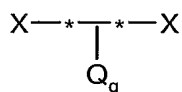
Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine having a number average

10 molecular weight of not less than 1,500; and

x is from 2 to 60.

14. A composition comprising a particulate solid, an organic medium and/or water and a compound of formula 1 including salts thereof

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Formula (2)

wherein

20 X-*-*X represents the polyamine and/or polyimine;

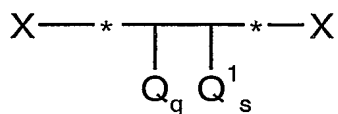
Q is the chain RO-(Y)_x-T-NH-A-; and

q is from 2 to 2000.

15. A composition comprising a particulate solid, an organic medium and/or water and

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a compound of formula 1 including salts thereof



Formula 2a

wherein

X-*-*X represents the polyamine and/or polyimine;

Q is the chain RO-(Y)_x-T-NH-A-;

q is from 2 to 2000;

Q¹ represents a polyester and/or polyamide chain of formula R¹-G-(B)_s-;

5 R¹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₅₀- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

G is a divalent bond or carbonyl;

B is the residue of one or more amino carboxylic acids and/or one or more
hydroxy carboxyl acids or lactones thereof;

q and s are positive integers greater than zero; and

10 q + s is from 2 to 2000.